REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) **TRANSMITTAL**

Address to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

| | | | • |
|----------------------|------------------|--------------------------|----|
| Application No. | 09/428,134 | 007.0 | |
| Filing Date | 10/26/1999 | OCT 0 9 2d ₀₃ | |
| First Named Inventor | Ajonovic, et al. | | |
| Art Unit | 2189 | Technology Center 210 | ٠. |
| Examiner Name | Sumati Lefkowitz | - soimology celler 210 | JU |
| Attorney Docket No. | 42390.P6341X | | - |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

| wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See instruction sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO). |
|---|
| 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 |
| a. [] Previously submitted |
| i. [x] Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37. C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on <u>06/02/2003</u> (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered). |
| ii. [] Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on iii. [] Other |
| b. [] Enclosed |
| i. [] Amendment/Reply |
| ii. [] Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) |
| iii. [] Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) |
| iv. [X] Other Petition for Extension of Time |
| 2. Miscellaneous |
| a. [] Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) |
| for a period of months.(Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required) b. Description of the control of the c |
| |
| Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed. a. [X] The Director is hereby authorized to charge deficiencies in the following fees, or credit any |
| overpayments, to Deposit Account No. <u>02-2666</u> |
| i. [X] RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) |
| ii. [X] Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) |
| iii. [] Processing fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(i) for Limited Suspension of Action |
| iv. [X] Other any additional fees incurred. |
| b. [X] Checks in the amounts of \$ 770.00 and \$950.00 enclosed |
| c. [] Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed) |
| SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED |
| |
| Name (Print/Type) John P. Wand // Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) 40,216 |
| $a = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) \left($ |
| Signature Date |
| CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION |
| I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner For Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, or facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on: |
| Name (Print/Type) Judy L_Steinkraus |
| |
| Signature Date |

10/07/2003 SSITHIB1 00000131 09428134

770.00 OP

01 FC:1801



RECEIVED OCT 0 9 2003 Technology Center 2100

FIRST CLASS CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail with sufficient postage in an envelope addressed to:

| Mail Stop RCE |
|--|
| Commissioner for Patents |
| P.O. Box 1450 |
| Alexandria VA 22313-1450 on_10/02/2003 |
| and & A. |
| Judy L. Steinkraus |

| Serial/Patent No.: 09/428,134 Filing/Issue Date: 10/26/1999 |
|---|
| Scriati atcitation |
| METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AN IMPROVED INTERFACE BETWEEN |
| COMPUTER COMPONENTS |
| BSTZ File No.: 42390, P6341X Atty/Secty Initials: IPW/ixs |
| Docket Due Date: 10/02/2003 |
| The following has been received in the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office on the date stamped here \$6555 |
| Amendment/Response (17 pgs.) Express Mail No.: |
| Appeal Brief (pgs.) (in triplicate) |
| Application - Utility (pgs., with cover and abstract) |
| Application - Rule 1.53(b) Continuation (pgs.) |
| Notice of Appeal |
| Application - Rule 1.53(b) DIVISIONAL (pgs.) Application - Rule 1.53(b) CIP (pgs.) Petition for Extension of Time (1 p. + dup.) |
| Application - Rule 1.53(d) CPA Transmittal (pgs.) Petition for |
| Application - Design (pgs.) |
| Application - PCT (pgs.) |
| Application - Provisional (pgs.) Preliminary Amendment (pgs.) |
| Assignment and Cover Sheet Reply Brief (pgs.) |
| Certificate of Mailing Response to Notice of Missing Parts |
| Declaration & POA (pgs.) Small Entity Declaration for Indep. Inventor/Small Business |
| Disclosure Docs & Orig & Copy of Inventor's Signed Letter (pgs.) Transmittal Letter, in duplicate (2 pages) |
| Drawings: # of sheets includes figures Fee Transmittal, in duplicate (2 pages) |
| Other: RCE Transmittal (1 page + duplicate) |
| |